

## PARKER AT WORK ON THE EGLAU CASE.

The Police Commissioner Goes to the Aid of Captain O'Brien.

Another Investigation of All the Claws, Old and New, Is to Be Made.

NO TRACE OF THAT MISSING CHECK.

Remarkable Progress of the Institution for the Improved Instruction of Deaf Mutes—Principal Green's Rise. Dr. Scheele's Investigation.

The Police Commissioners have taken charge of the work on the Eglau murder mystery, and Captain O'Brien has been directed to take cognizance of the disclosures regarding the check for Professor Eglau's December salary.

The detectives have been instructed to get at the facts regarding the loan which Eglau said Principal Green, of the Institution for the Improved Instruction of Deaf Mutes, had asked. The other disclosures tending to destroy the structure of suspicion which had been raised about the Fitzgerald boys are all to be considered now by the police officials working on the case.

If the truth regarding Eglau's December check ever becomes known it will probably be brought out at the inquest by the examination of the treasurer and the secretary of the Institution for Deaf Mutes, Louis Goldsmith, the treasurer, and Herman Mosenthal, the secretary, are associated with Principal Green in the management of the Institution and they are his personal friends.

GREEN'S BIG SALARY. It is noteworthy that the success of this school for deaf mutes has been remarkable. Starting from a small beginning, it has progressed until it now occupies a pretentious structure covering more than half a block. As a venture it has been a most lucky one. As a philanthropic institution it has accomplished a great deal of good.

The State has been paying the Institution \$250 a year for each pupil. The sons of well-to-do men have paid \$400 a year for board and tuition. Day pupils have been charged \$200 a year and more. The yearly receipts have been large and the expenses large also.

A most important item in the disbursements has been Principal Green's salary, which has been steadily increasing and the revenues made additions to the sum possible. The head of the institution is now drawing \$6,000 a year.

The Institution has published a book bearing the name of David Greene as author, and giving his system of instruction in articulation. The work is sold for \$1.50 a volume.

Greene has made investments in real estate, some of them in this city and some in Connecticut.

HAS CLEANED THE STUDIO. Principal Green has been guiding many parties of officials and others through the studio and modelling room where Professor Eglau met his tragic death, and has explained in detail his theory of how the old man was killed.

Mr. Greene says he thinks the old Professor was hit the first time while seated at his easel. In the opinion of the Principal, Eglau staggered, struggled across the floor and fell.

Principal Green had the studio and sculpture room cleaned up Thursday morning. All the blood stains were washed away, so that not a trace remains.

Coroner Fitzpatrick did not know Thursday night that the evidence of the crime no longer remained, for he announced that evening that he proposed going to the studio next day to make a further examination of the premises and to more carefully measure the crimson stains on the floor, the pedestal, the modelling tables and the floors.

EXPERT SCHEELE'S EVIDENCE. Expert Scheele, however, obtained forty samples of the blood stains, with drawings and measurements of the larger spots, before Principal Green had them cleaned. Professor Scheele has turned over one-half of each of the samples to the District Attorney, and they will remain in possession of that official to be used at the trial of the murderer of Eglau, if he is ever found.

The cap found in the basement of the school for deaf mutes was turned over to the police, and by them given to some scientific expert for examination.

Quite a bunch of hairs was gathered from the lining of the cap. It is a Winter cloth cap of an ordinary form, that might have been used by almost any mute pupil in Principal Green's Institution. The expert is to look at it through a microscope because spots were found upon it that may be blood stains.

SNUBBED THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY. It was the intention of the District Attorney to have the cap shown to all the pupils in the school, to see which of the boys

would claim it and which of them it would fit.

Captain O'Brien was requested to detail two detectives for the work. The Captain announced that he did not deem it necessary to do anything of the sort, and intimated it was scarcely the province of the District Attorney to dig up evidence. Captain O'Brien requested custody of the cap. It was in compliance with this request that the find was turned over to the head of the detectives.

The finding of the cap is thought to add strength to a theory the police have which has not yet been explained.

The Police Commissioners, in taking charge of the investigation of the Eglau mystery, do not do so because they lack confidence in Captain O'Brien. The Commissioners desire merely to enlarge the scope of the investigation.

PARKER'S INVESTIGATION. The matter has been left principally to Commissioner Parker, who was once in the District Attorney's office, and who is extremely keen in criminal cases. It is stated that no man under suspicion in connection with the Eglau murder will be overlooked in this investigation.

Commissioner Parker is questioning some of the witnesses in person. One witness seen going to the Commissioner's rooms was Dr. Walter L. Scheele, the expert chemist, who has unravelled so many murder mysteries.

The report of Dr. Scheele, made to the police some days ago, presented many scientific facts to indicate that the Fitzgerald boys were not the murderers, but had been scapegoats. The essential point in the report was that the blood on the shoes was human blood, which, in all likelihood, had been smeared upon the shoes and not soaked into them.

TOO NEAR BY ELEVEN INCHES.

Barnett's Saloon Was Hard by a School and He Changed the Door.

Joseph Barnett had a saloon on the southwest corner of One Hundred and Seventy-third street and Third avenue for three years. Diagonally across the street is Grammar School No. 63. When the new law went into effect providing that no saloon should be run with 200 feet of a school, Barnett got out a tape and measured the distance from the entrance to his saloon, which is on the corner, to the front door of the school. He found that he was eleven inches too close. Then he closed up his front door and put up that sign, which looks as though he meant it to be permanent.

Closed on account of the new law. Entrance at the side.

The side door is open wide, and now all of Barnett's customers get in that way. The bar stands in the same place it always did.

"I guess he's within the law," said Sergeant Sheldon. "The law reads from centre of doorway to centre of doorway, and his doorway is centre of doorway, and his bar is just as close."

SAYS HE IS WANTED FOR ARSON. Millner, the Alleged Incendiary, Though to Be in New Britain's Jail.

Detective Sergeant McNaught and "Shire" Rosenbaum, the confessed incendiary, left for New Britain, Conn., yesterday, to see a man locked up there, who, when arrested, said he was wanted in New York for arson.

The description sent by the New Britain authorities is that of a man named Millner, who is under indictment in this city for arson in the second degree.

It is thought that he is one of the persons implicated in the coroner's inquest, and that he was the incendiary and arch-conspirator. The suspect was recently arrested in New Britain for vagrancy under the name of Charles Jacobs. He is expected to be Millner, who will be brought to this city as soon as requisition papers can be prepared. Rosenbaum went along to identify the man.

POISONED HER STEPSON. Mary Cowan, the Dixmont Murderess, Sentenced to State Prison for Life—She Declares Her Innocence.

Lewiston, Me., Feb. 21.—Mrs. Mary Cowan, of Dixmont, has been sentenced to State Prison for life for poisoning her stepson, Willis A. Cowan, in September, 1894.

Her case is a remarkable one. She is the daughter of Jonathan Knight, of Plymouth, and was born in 1857. By her first husband, Willis W. Bean, she had three children. The children all died at intervals of about a year. Then Mr. and Mrs. Bean went to Cincinnati, where the former studied medicine and where he, too, soon died.

The widow returned to Maine and married a Plymouth man named George Taylor. Taylor did not live long, either. It was said that all five of these people died of some kind of stomach complaint.

Again a widow, this woman, after a brief period of mourning, married Elias Cowan, of North Dixmont, a widower with one child, Willis. When this boy also died of a stomach complaint there was a great sensation. This led to an investigation, analysis of the contents of the boy's stomach, discovery of arsenic enough to kill an ox, her arrest, trial and conviction. The motive for the crime, according to the government's theory, was gain. The turn on which the family lived stood in the boy's name. With the boy out of the way it would revert to the father, and Mr. Cowan had made, at her request, a will giving all his property to his wife.

Mrs. Cowan from the very first maintained an air of perfect composure, and always emphatically declared her innocence. Her trial lasted four days. A motion for a new trial was filed. Recently the full court affirmed the verdict of conviction.

Before sentence was passed she was asked if she had anything to say. In a wavering voice she exclaimed: "Some day the world will know my innocence, as God does now."

She had intended to make a long address, but her counsel persuaded her not to do so. She manifested no emotion when sentence was pronounced.

## MADMAN IN THE GREGORY FAMILY.

An Uncle of Jesse's Testified That Another Uncle Had Hanged Himself.

John Gregory Was Unable to Utter a Single Word on the Stand Because of Nervousness.

STRANGE ACTS OF THE ACCUSED.

Besought a Doctor to Give Him Strychnine, and Then Laid Down to Die After Having Taken Pure Water Given to Him.

Hitherto the subject of the defence in the trial of Jesse M. Gregory for the murder of his wife has been intended to prove that he killed her while in a fit of insanity, caused by her unwelcome action. Yesterday an effort was made to establish that the defendant of intellect from which he suffered was of an hereditary nature.

The first witness was John Mable, a seventy-year-old farmer, of Orange County, N. Y., an uncle of Gregory. Mr. Mable detailed cases of insanity in the defendant's family.

John Mable, an uncle, testified that several members of the family had been insane, and that one had hanged himself. The father of the prisoner is a real estate dealer in Goshen, N. Y. John Gregory, a brother of Jesse, was so nervous and frightened on the stand yesterday that he could not speak a word. He had to leave the room.

Some of Jesse Gregory's Kinsmen.

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for there is love in my heart for him yet. I will admit that I have done wrong, and am ashamed of myself.

RECONCILIATION FOLLOWED.

The father testified that this letter had so moved himself and his son that a reconciliation had been effected, in spite of the Moran episode. Three months later Mr. Gregory had received a letter of which the following is a part:

Mr. Gregory: Sir—Now that your beautiful son is dead, you are all in your glory, and it would have served him right if Mr. Moran had appeared against him. Then I should have some peace, for he is all the time throwing up to me about Moran. It is just one thing and another, and I don't intend to stand it. I have warned him, and I will do something some time that I can't help, for he is not intended to stand it, and for you.

I don't look upon you as a gentleman, for you write to your son, and at the bottom of your letters tell him not to let me see them; but I did all the same, and there is another thing, you running down Moran. Your son was as good as he is there would be some sense in him. He has some bringing up, where your son has none. He would not call other folks names. If your son thinks he is doing right, he is doubly mistaken, for I tell you I won't stand it, and for you.

I have been a fool just long enough, and don't intend to any longer.

The trial was adjourned until 10:30 a. m. Monday.

SHOT HIMSELF  
ON THE YAMPA.

Continued from First Page.

In a day or two. On Thursday Mr. Johnson did not leave the vessel.

Mr. Palmer said to-day that the suicide of his cousin was the greatest shock he had ever received. He declined to discuss his plans in detail, but admitted that the cruise through the West Indies would

be continued.

The Yampa left New York ten days ago and had a very rough voyage. Mr. Johnson suffered greatly from sea sickness. The yacht came to anchor off the Royal Bermuda Dock house and 109 yards from the dock at Hamilton Island. She lay there when Mr. Johnson killed himself.

Mr. Palmer and his guests spent much of their time in the rooms of the yacht club.

According to the custom here, the inquest was held on board the yacht. Coroner Lightbourn and twelve jurors went aboard at 9 o'clock this morning, and after an investigation lasting two hours reported that Mr. Johnson had committed suicide while temporarily insane.

After the inquest the body was placed in a casket, wrapped in the American flag, and was taken from the yacht to Jackson's undertaking establishment. The body will be embalmed and shipped on the steamer Trinidad Monday, due to arrive in New York next Wednesday.

Marshall Hanger, the American Consul, has placed the flag on the Consulate at half-mast.

Mr. Cuthbert Sloan Johnson was a son of the late William P. Johnson, and a grandson of Bradish Johnson, the former great magnate of this city and New Orleans. He was thirty years old, and when in this city lived with his stepfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Townsend, at No. 39 East Twenty-second street, where his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cooper Townsend, also resided.

Mr. Johnson had an extensive social acquaintance in Chicago and New Orleans. He was also well known in London, where he spent the most of the last five years.

He was not a member of the cable from Yacht Club, but Palmer belongs to that organization, and his boat, the Yampa, is one of the largest and finest schooner yachts in the club's fleet.

Mr. Edward M. Townsend stated last night that he did not believe his stepson had committed suicide. He felt convinced that his death was the result of an accident. He has wired for further details and given instructions to have the body forwarded to this city.

Mrs. Townsend was prostrated by the news of her son's death and was under the care of a physician last night.

CLIPPED OFF HER BOWSPRIT.

The Schooner Phineas W. Sprague Struck By the Steamship Munchen.

The little schooner Phineas W. Sprague, outward bound for Barbados, narrowly escaped being run down off Sandy Hook yesterday morning by the North German Lloyd steamship Munchen. The 1273-ton steamer was bound for Baltimore to land its passengers.

Captain Strong was at the wheel of the Sprague. The Munchen struck her on the port side near the cat heads, smashed a hole in the port bow and cut off the bowsprit and cutwater. The jibboom and all headgear were carried away.

The schooner heeled over until she threatened to capsize. The captain ordered the two lifeboats cast loose, but the little vessel was drifted away from the big steel-hulled Munchen.

The tug Volunteer ran alongside the Sprague and towed her to Red Hook. None of the crew were hurt.

The Munchen resumed her trip to Baltimore.

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## TWO ALLEGED FORGERS CAUGHT IN BROOKLYN.

Checks for Thousands Drawn on the Bank of the Republic of Washington.

They Were Deposited in Brooklyn Banks by a Young Woman, Who Is Now Under Arrest.

MANY MERCHANTS WERE SWINDLED.

Under the Name of Mrs. Sullivan the Woman Purchased Goods and Paid for Them with Checks—How the Discovery Was Made.

Mrs. Mary Miller, a young, fairly good-looking and very intelligent woman, was arrested in her flat at No. 300 Liberty avenue, Brooklyn, by Detective Sergeant John Hall yesterday and locked up in the Amity Street Station. She was nursing her child when the detective entered her apartment, and she expressed surprise at his visit.

An hour later her husband, Charles A. Miller, was arrested at the home by Detective Sergeant John O'Neill and locked up in the Adams Street Station. Neither prisoner knew that the other was under arrest.

The specific charge on which Mrs. Miller was arrested, was made by W. L. Pettit, of No. 725 Prospect place, Brooklyn, who accused her of swindling him by means of a bogus check for \$40. Mr. Pettit has charge of the Prospect place flat, in which the Millers lived before moving to Liberty avenue.

It is believed that Mrs. Miller and her husband have been carrying on extensive forgeries, involving four Brooklyn banks and financial institutions in other cities, and a number of Brooklyn business men.

Two weeks ago bogus checks for small amounts began to annoy business men in that city. They were given to them by a young woman who purchased wearing apparel, jewelry and merchandise for household use.

All these checks were made out on the Brevoort and Bedford Savings Banks, the Nassau Trust and Kings County Bank. Some were for sums as small as \$5 and others for \$200. The checks seemed to be written by the same person and were signed Margaret Sullivan, Martha Depree, and Anderson and other names. They were paid on purchases and the woman received cash in change.

The detectives visited the Brevoort Savings Bank and learned that the dark little woman had opened an account by depositing a \$2,000 check on the National Bank of the Republic. She called a few days later and handed in the pass book. The teller noticed that the name in the book had been changed and the amount of deposit raised from \$2,000 to \$7,000.

The inquiry showed that a woman answering the same description, and making no account and giving no address, had opened accounts in the Brevoort and Kings County Banks and the Nassau Trust Company, and that drafts for \$2,000 had been deposited by them. The amount of the Kings County Bank deposit was \$4,950. None of the banks paid them a cent.</